

# Personnel News and Gossip of the Government Departments

## Govt. Printing Office

### PRINTERS' LEAVE MUST BE TAKEN

Unused Furloughs Forfeited  
If Not Used Before  
July.

Compositors in several of the divisions have been requested to take all accumulated or unused leave. Work for the printers has not been so brisk for the last two weeks, and as some of the printers have been slow to take advantage of the annual leave, the officials have found it necessary to pass around word to take leave due. The fifth division, with about 200 employees, has a total of 500 unused days of annual leave. All leave not taken by July 1 is forfeited.

### Russell O. Beene Promoted To Salary of \$3,000 a Year

Russell O. Beene, statistician, who has recently taken the additional title of financial secretary to the Public Printer, has established office headquarters in the room adjoining the office of Chief Clerk Brian. Mr. Beene's salary has been increased to \$3,000 per annum. His promotion has been rapid under Public Printer Sillings' administration, rising as he has from a clerical position at \$1 per diem in the office of the auditor.

### Alterations on the Job Room Admit Unaccustomed Sunshine

George A. Dowley is now chief draftsman and architect in charge of the removal of the job room, and is having a strenuous time of it with the many alterations springing up from time to time. The removal is expected to take place any time now, most likely on a Saturday and running into Sunday. The quarters formerly occupied by the proofroom have been torn down and the readers are for the present located in the space lately vacated by the proofroom. The tearing out of partitions and inclosures has flooded the seventh floor with sunshine in many spots much needed and obviated the use of artificial light.

### Joseph A. Arnold Mentioned As Possible Deputy Printer

The name of Joseph A. Arnold, assistant chief of the division of publication, Department of Agriculture, has been heard often in the office this week in connection with the speculation concerning the new position of Deputy Public Printer. Mr. Arnold is an old printer employee, having been connected with the office since 1885 until he was a compositor and proofreader. He was transferred to the Department of Agriculture as an editorial clerk and later made assistant chief of division, the position he now holds, at \$2,250 per annum. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Department of Agriculture is considering the establishment of a division of printing as an independent affair, and is said to be the only one now separately appropriated for.

### Notes and Personals.

Miss Ruth O'Donnell, daughter of Harry O'Donnell, assistant foreman of the Agricultural Division, received honorable mention for her drawing in the paper contest by the children of the public schools. Miss O'Donnell attends Eastern High School.

The many friends in the proofroom and other parts of the office of S. D. Howells share with him his sorrow at the loss of his estimable wife, who died on Sunday after a long illness. The funeral services were conducted on Wednesday at the home, 509 E street by the Rev. Thomas Chalmers Easton, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery.

A petition signed by compositors who desire to learn to operate the Mergenthaler machine has been presented to the Public Printer, requesting that he start a night school for this purpose in the Sixth division. A similar school was established in the monotype division.

A. M. Butler, compositor and linotype operator, who has been doing duty in the first division since the night forces broke up, has resigned his position for the purpose of going to New York, where he will have employment as an operator.

In the job division T. A. Rhodes and Samuel Morris went on leave last week and D. P. Rowell returned.

Friends of Alvin A. Strange, who resigned several years ago to enter the printing business on his own account, will be pleased to learn of his prosperity, he having recently been obliged to remove to more commodious quarters.

Orders have gone forth for a twelve-hour workday, until further notice, in the press rooms.

John W. Myers, until recently one of the assistant foremen in the main press room, has been transferred to the Treasury branch.

A promotion that pleases the employees of the job room is a raise in salary for the foreman of that division, John W. Michael, whose compensation has been increased from \$2,000 to \$2,250 per annum, thus placing the job room in the front rank of importance among the divisions in the printer's shop. Some years ago the foreman of the job room was rated as superintendent, having charge also of the job press room, which was later made a separate division and recently merged with the main press room.

John M. Broas, linotype operator in the job room, has been assigned to the main machine division, to take charge of matrices.

The resignations of James L. Harper and James R. Alford are announced.

## Postoffice

### STUDYING HAUL MAIL CARS MAKE

Average Service Rendered  
Is Most Important  
Question.

Probably the most important question to be determined by the six-month investigation that is to be conducted by the recently appointed commission to weigh the mails is that of the average haul of cars. There is no data on this point at present, and both the department and Congress have been in the dark in the matter of regulating compensation for the railroads for the service on this account. It is proposed to ascertain by the investigation, taking a period of thirty days from which to make the calculation, the average carrying capacity of apartment cars, storage cars, and railroad postoffices, the three kinds of cars used for transporting the mails. The commission has a small force at work making the preliminary arrangements, but the actual work of weighing will not be commenced before July 1. The full force of clerks, for which the Civil Service Commission has just finished holding an examination, will not be required until late in the summer, as it will not be necessary to have a large force at work until after the reports from the process of weighing begin to come in.

### New York Auditors Secure Data From Different Divisions

The two firms of New York auditors and accountants which have been engaged by the joint Congressional commission on postoffice business methods, to make a detailed investigation of the department, have been actively employed during the week securing data from the several bureaus and divisions. The accountants on Thursday took up with the special commission on weighing the mails the details involved in that transaction, with a view of becoming acquainted with the methods that the commission proposes to pursue in its task, which is regarded as a very large one. The accountants will co-operate with the commission in perfecting the plans for the six months' weighing.

### Baseball Manager Kundrup Busy Rousing Up Players

Manager Kundrup, of the baseball team, is busy rousing up the players again in order to have them in good condition for the opening of the departmental season, which takes place Monday week. The team was out for practice for the first time on Friday, and a meeting was also held for the purpose of electing a captain of the team. Manager Kundrup says the department will have a first-class team, and he believes that by starting operations on Friday the witch of fortune will be with the club, landing it at the top of the list.

### Various Department Offices With New Furniture

The private secretary's office of the Postmaster General is being supplied with some new oak furniture. Secretary Holmes has been given a handsome

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John A. Massey, Jr., who corrects type forms in the main press room, has the sympathy of his friends in the critical illness of his young son.

Press Reviser Troegner returned to his duties last week after a vacation of three weeks. During his absence the reviser's position was acceptably filled by John McGinnis.

Henry S. Sutton, globe trotter, author, and one of the best Lanston operators in the office, has recently returned from a trip to the Jamestown Exposition.

David H. Andrews, keyboard operator, fifth division, resigned Tuesday and left that night for North Carolina, where he will hereafter make his home.

Charles H. Gardner, one of the expert linotype operators, has purchased a cottage at Seabrook, Md., where he and his family will make their summer home.

Frank Miller, of the first division, one of the veteran compositors of the office, is again at work after an illness of three weeks.

Many of the bookbinders who were recently in the office on the reduction of the force, are leaving the city. The statement is made by officials of the local Bookbinders' Union that the work in the bookbinding trade is good throughout the country and many situations are now open for the men who are out of work here.

Fred L. Davis, reader in the fifth division proof room, is leaving at work after spending a week at his old home in Philadelphia.

W. E. Dodge, dean of the fifth division proof room, and the best authority on the printing of patent specifications, is taking a portion of his annual leave.

The following fifth division employees are on leave: Mrs. L. Chatterton, Miss E. M. Wallace, Daniel Marvin, C. E. Smalley, Jason Waterman, and W. F. Walmsley.

Leonard Kukart, one of the bookbinders dropped from the rolls when the big discharge was made a few days ago, has

large desk in place of the one that has done service in the department for many years, and which has been outgrown by the great increase in volume of business done. The furniture being discarded in various parts of the department is of the familiar mahogany and redwood variety, which was always made on the oval or turned corner style, while the new furniture is uniformly of white oak and sharp pointed.

### Dr. M. E. Higgins Sails For Year's Study Abroad

Dr. M. E. Higgins, of this city, who has held a position with the Isthmian Canal Commission as a physician in the Canal zone for the last eighteen months, has given up his work on the isthmus in order to take a post graduate course in medicine in several of the European capitals. Dr. Higgins was formerly employed in the foreign division of the Postoffice Department in this city, and has many friends here. He called at the department the first part of last week in order to bid good-by to his former associates before taking passage for Naples, on the "Cretic," which sailed Thursday. He will spend a year in Vienna on hospital work. Dr. Higgins is a graduate of George Washington University, and was at one time resident physician of Garfield Memorial Hospital.

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Chief Clerk Chance returned the first part of the week from a pleasant trip to the middle West, where he has spent several weeks in company with his wife and son. Mrs. Chance and son did not return, but will remain a while longer for a visit with friends.

Assistant Chief Clerk George G. Thompson has returned from a business trip to several points in Tennessee. Also recently returned to the office of the chief clerk are E. J. Dowling, Edward P. Warren, and Morris P. Walsh, who have been at Jamestown installing the postoffice section of the Government exhibit. They report a pleasant but strenuous trip.

George F. Shaw, assistant superintendent of the Postoffice Department building, who was recently married to Miss Janet D. McCubbin, is again at his post of duty after having completed his honeymoon trip. Mr. Shaw is quite popular throughout the department, and his many friends have been busy extending congratulations.

Mrs. Russell O. Beene has returned to her desk in the division of rural delivery after a short illness.

J. A. Power, of Baltimore, has been selected through civil service channels for the position of clerk-stenographer at \$99 per annum, in the division of postoffice inspectors.

The sick list in the assorting division last week included Miss M. E. Kott, Miss M. Boyle, Miss H. Block, and Miss M. E. Stocker.

Miss M. E. Sullivan, of the assorting division, is again at office, after a few days' absence on leave.

H. C. Lemon has been transferred from the assorting to the inspecting division, office of the Auditor for the department.

J. W. Davidson, who has been an efficient clerk in the recording division for a number of years, has been transferred to the assorting division.

Mrs. L. R. Schafer, of the assorting division, is again at office after a recent illness.

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Ambrose H. Chase, one of the veteran copyholders in the main proof room, who was reduced last week and assigned to the folding room, has resigned his position.

E. J. Roche, who resigned his position in the binder's room, has returned to his former home in New York city.

Julius Hurling, of the bindery, has acquired a half interest in a bookbinding establishment in New York city. He is now in New York for the purpose of taking charge of his new purchase, and will soon resign here.

August Buchner, wagon messenger, has resigned his position in the bookbinding division, and is going to take a place with the division of publication in the Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Mary R. Quigley and Miss Nettie M. Kimmel, temporary clerks in the division of documents, have resigned in order to take permanent clerkships in the Bureau of Forestry, Department of Agriculture.

A. L. Wood, chief of the pamphlet division of the bindery, has returned from a vacation of fifteen days.

John L. McKinnon, of the packing and delivery division, has returned from a pleasant stay of fifteen days at his old home in South Carolina.

Carl D. R. F. Neely, of the packing and delivery division, has returned from a pleasant stay of ten days at his old home.

Miss Josephine Buckley, of the sewing machine division of the bindery, reported for duty last week after a long absence caused by illness.

Emil Wetzel, of the foundry, returned Friday from a vacation of fifteen days. Mr. Wetzel and his wife spent several days at the Jamestown Exposition.

Thomas Hendren, assistant in charge of the stock and shipping section of the division of documents, made a flying trip to Jamestown last week.

John Cook, of the old building watch force, is taking part of his annual leave.

Ben A. Lineback, of the job room, is serving a temporary detail to the job proof room during the absence of J. W. Koon, who has been away for several days supervising a job of moving.

J. R. Ballou, one of the boys recently let out of the bindery, has already made good in the outside business world, having purchased two newspaper routes.

## Bureau of Engraving and Printing

### RETURNED COUPLE HEARTILY GREETED

Bride and Bridegroom Were  
Fellow-Employes in  
Bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green, popular employees of the bureau, recently married at Baltimore, have returned to the city, and are now at home to their friends at 2425 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Gavan at the Cathedral in Baltimore, and, as was stated last week, proved to be a genuine surprise to their many friends, as they took no one into their confidence, but made the trip alone. Mrs. Green, as Miss Rose Easton, was employed in section seven, while the bridegroom is an apprentice in the printing division. The happy couple have been showered with congratulations by their many friends since returning to the city.

The bureau's framed collection of gold notes, United States notes, and national currency, which was loaned to the Business Men's Exposition and Mid-Winter Carnival in Louisville, was returned to the bureau last week. This collection shows specimens of all the various kinds of currency and stamps turned out by the bureau.

John C. Spencer, plate printer in section six, resigned on Monday, and left for Chicago.

John McNally, plate printer on the night shift, who has been ill for several days is reported to be rapidly improving.

Miss Mary Embury, of section seven, printing division, left Wednesday for her home at Remington, Va., where she will spend a week with relatives and friends.

Miss Ethel Young, of the numbering division, is making a ten-day trip to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York city.

Mrs. Kooke, of the miscellaneous division, has returned to the bureau after an absence of three weeks on account of rheumatism.

Miss Sallie McCarty, of the miscellaneous division, has been away from

## Census Bureau

### COST AND AUDIT SYSTEM INSTALLED

But Two Clerks Required  
To Record Work  
Of 622.

The bureau has recently installed a cost and audit system that is a model for simplicity and inexpensiveness. It is known as the Tabulating Machine Company system, but as the bureau does not find it necessary to use the tabulating machines, has been to no expense in installing it, aside from the mere cost of printing the slips and cards on which the daily records are kept.

Two clerks only are required in keeping the accounts of the 622 employees of the bureau, embracing about 25,000 cards a month. By this system it is possible at a glance to tell the exact cost for any day or month of any line or division of work. The time and compensation of the individual employee is also correctly kept and readily shown by the monthly tabulation.

The employees are required to fill out daily slips showing the character of work upon which engaged during the day, also stating division in which employed, number, grade, and absence, if any.

For the purpose of classification, the work of the bureau is divided into seven general classes. These are field work, labor, miscellaneous clerical, printing, statistical, stenographic and typewriting work, and work of supervision. Under these general headings come the various grades of work.

Gang punches are used to transfer the data from the timeslips to the cards, the latter being so arranged that the date, division, grade, character of work, time employed, rate of compensation, amount paid, and all other pertinent facts are represented by numerals on the code system. The machine or needle process rapidly separates the cards into the different classes, from which the tabulation is readily made.

The officials of the bureau are deservedly proud of the system, which is the only one of the kind in use by any of the Government departments in Washington. It quickly settles the question that has long been a matter of debate among the great concern in recent years of a reliable and reasonably cheap audit and cost system.

### New Collecting Statistics Of Marriage and Divorce

The bureau at present is principally engaged in collecting statistics on the subjects of marriage and divorce, and religious bodies. For the purpose of collecting statistics from which the reports will later be made on the subject of marriage and divorce, about 125 of the office employees are now in the field collecting church records in various parts of the country. In addition, the



MRS. EDWARD GREEN,  
Formerly Miss Rose Easton, Who Was  
Married at Baltimore.

the bureau for several days at the bedside of her brother, who recently underwent an operation at Garfield Hospital.

Miss Anna Deahl, of the miscellaneous division, continues ill at her home in Alexandria.

William Van Horn, plate printer in section three, is at work after an illness of six weeks' duration.

Miss Wilford, plate printer's assistant in section four, has resigned.

Charles Borland, foreman of the carder shop, who fell and sustained severe injuries about four weeks ago, is reported to be recovering slowly.

H. B. Simons, of the printing division, on account of his ill health, has gone to his home in Philadelphia to recuperate.

M. J. Klindfater, of section four of the printing division, is at his home nursing a bone felon.

## Civil Service Commission

### MANY APPLICANTS FOR CLERK CARRIER

Higher Salaries After July 1  
the Probable At-  
traction.

Son Visiting J. M. Stratton;  
Is Well Known as Organist

The interest which has been taken in the special clerk-carrier examination for the Washington Postoffice is shown by the fact that over 200 applications have been received. This is very nearly as many as it is usual to receive for the regular examinations. It is thought at the commission that the large number of applications received is due to the change in the schedule of salaries which will go into effect July 1, providing for more even promotions and better salaries.

Harry W. Stratton, formerly of Pittsburgh, is visiting in Washington as the guest of his father, J. M. Stratton, of the examining division. Mr. Stratton is a noted organist and has just returned from a trip to Paris. For several years he held the position of organist at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, which he has resigned to accept a position in Harrisburg. Mr. Stratton passed the early years of his life in Washington, where he studied music in all its branches. From here he went to Paris, where he gave his particular attention to the study of the organ and organ composition under the best masters.

H. N. Saxton, secretary of the second civil service district, with headquarters in New York, was in the city last week on official business.

Miss Helen Minor, who has been transferred from the Bureau of Experiment Stations in the Department of Agriculture, reported for duty the first

of the week, and was assigned to the division of appointments, taking the place of Miss Marie J. Warren, a temporary stenographer, who has been transferred to the rural carrier division. Miss Minor was with the commission for several months last summer as a temporary stenographer, and her many friends at the commission heartily welcome her back to stay.

Mrs. John H. Gibson, wife of John H. Gibson, of the custodian's force, returned last Wednesday from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Illinois and Missouri. Mr. Gibson was off duty for several days in order to give her a welcome.

An examination will be held Thursday for the position of messenger boy in the departments at Washington. While the examination will be held only at Washington, legal residents of the District will not be examined, owing to the fact that the District is in excess of its allotment.

For such of the commission's force as are taking courses in the schools, outside of business hours, the next month will bring either joy or sorrow. Final examinations will come in a few days, and then freedom and the thought of vacations and a life of idle evenings.

The launch which C. W. Bartlett, of the division of appointments, is building is rapidly nearing completion. The engine has been ordered and the last coat of paint is ready to be put on. Mr. Bartlett thinks that the boat will be ready for launching about Decoration Day.

The commission's new system of electric lighting has been in operation for a week and has greatly facilitated the work. The dark and gloomy days of last week afforded a good opportunity for the new system to prove its worth.

Mrs. H. C. Coles, wife of the chief of the rural carrier division, is entertaining her sister and a friend from Charleston, S. C.

William W. Wall, of the division of appointments, who was recently transferred to Washington from the office of the secretary of the eighth civil service district, has joined the local company of the National Guard, and expects to take his vacation with them at their annual encampment.

Howard Fritts, of the certificate division, who has been absent from the office for several weeks, on account of sickness in family, has returned to duty.

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### How to Exercise the Bowels

YOUR Intestines are lined inside with millions of suckers, that draw the Nutrition from food as it passes them. But, if the food passes too slowly, it decays before it gets through. Then the little suckers draw Poison from it instead of Nutrition. This Poison makes a Gas that injures your system more than the food should have nourished it.

The usual remedy for this delayed passage (called Constipation) is to take a big dose of Castor Oil.

This merely makes slippery the passage for unloading the current cargo.

It does not help the Cause of delay a trifle. It does slacken the Bowel-Muscles, and weakens them for their next task.

Another remedy is to take a strong "Physic," like Salts, Calomel, Jalap, Phosphate of Sodium, Aperient Water, or any of these mixed.

What does the "Physic" do? It merely flushes-out the Bowels with a waste of Digestive-Juice, set flowing into the Intestines through the tiny suckers.

Cascarets are the only safe medicine for the bowels.

They do not waste any precious fluid of the Bowels, as "Physics" do.

They do not relax the Intestines by greasing them inside with Castor Oil or Glycerine. They simply stimulate the Bowel-Muscles to do their work naturally, comfortably, and nutritiously.

They are put up in thin, flat, round-cornered Enamel boxes, so they can be carried in a man's vest pocket, or in a woman's purse, all the time, without bulk or trouble.

The time to take a Cascaret is not only when you are Sick, but when you first suspect you need one. Price, 10c a box.

Be very careful to get the genuine, made only by the Sterling Remedy Company and never sold in bulk. Every tablet stamped "CCC." All druggists.

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